



Dear Parents:

Wow, what a school year we have had so far! June is going to be an action packed month. Classes will be busy wrapping up their final touches for their academics and preparing for September. They will also be doing all their class goodbyes and best summer wishes.

It is important at this time for everyone to remind our children to stay focused and not get off track – especially with all the political distractions. We still have a month of school left!

Behind all of our successes this year, are the dedicated and energetic teachers at Dufferin and a PAC that have given countless hours of their free time! Let's work together, like our new 'school of fish,' to have a strong finish to our 2013-2014 school year!

Developing students' knowledge, skills, and attitudes to their potential, so they can contribute to a multi-cultural society, and information-based world.

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting is on **Monday, June 2nd at 6:30pm**. As a parent at our school you are automatically a member on our Parent Advisory Council. Our PAC Executive welcomes your involvement at any time! If you miss a meeting, don't forget to check out the minutes posted on the website on the right hand side.



If you are planning on attending the next PAC

meeting and require free child care, please contact Kirsten Christianson at dufferinelempac@gmail.com or at 250-851-9397.

PARENT REQUESTS FOR 2014-2015

Dufferin Elementary School will not be sending out parent request forms this year for placement in 2014-2015. The school undergoes a rigorous process when considering the placement of students.

If there is information that the school does not have and should consider when placing your child, you can write a letter or send an email to (mbowden@sd73.bc.ca) by June 13, 2014. In your letter please describe the learning environment that may suit your child's needs. If you are requesting placements that involve other students, think carefully and provide an explanation. The information you provide will be shared with staff as part of the placement process. Please be aware that late requests, including requests in September, may not be considered.

Please note that no letters will be accepted if names of staff members are used. Letters containing staff names will not be used in the class building process. All staff at Dufferin Elementary are certified and qualified teachers. Our goal is to meet the needs of ALL students and maximize the growth as learners as a whole community. We appreciate your support in this complex multi-level process of arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.

PARENTS NEXT YEAR PLANNING

As you are aware, in June we start our planning for the upcoming school year. Our numbers again this year are very full. We are asking parents who are intending to move or transfer their children out of Dufferin for the September school year to let us know so we can plan accordingly. You can either call or email Mr. Bowden or send a letter with your child. Thank

you for your assistance with this.

DUFFERIN FUN FAIR!

The Dufferin Fun Fair is soon arriving! Not only is this a great family event, but it is also a fund raising activity for our Parent Advisory Council. There is a dunk tank and bouncy castle as well as many other activities. Mark it on your calendar:



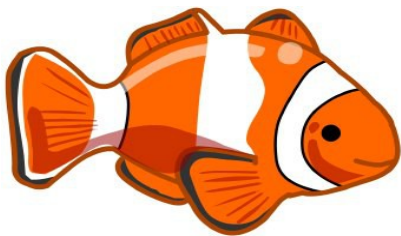
Wednesday, June 11
5:00pm – 9:00pm

We are also looking for volunteers to help – ½ hour shifts – as well as help to set up and take things down. If you can help, please contact the PAC at dufferinelempac@gmail.com.

A reminder that all raffle tickets for the Fun Fair need to be returned to the school by Friday, June 6th at the latest!

MISSION: FISH

Dufferin students and staff worked together to decorate our school fence with painted fish. Fish live in schools to help and protect each other. As a school community, we strive to do the same thing. These fish will help beautify our school and serve as a reminder to work together.



A special thanks goes out to Dufferin parent, Brad Gerow, and other volunteers from the Kamloops Woodworker's Guild

for cutting out 320 fish. Thank you as well to Home Hardware for donating the wood, PAC for paying for the paints, and to students, Cailin Dueck, Daisy Heinonen, and Paige Hembling, for helping organize this project!

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

The school is already looking for supervisors for the 2014-2015 school year. If you think you might be interested (or would like to continue), please let the school know. We are considering one supervisor in the morning from 7:20am to 8:30am and two lunch supervisors from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The position comes with a \$10 per day stipend.

The school would also like to extend their thanks to the dedicated supervisors we had this year: Teresa Neves, Monica Rupert, Sherry Roberts, Sherry Steiger, and Sarah Dennis.

LABOUR DISPUTE

Please be aware that the current labour dispute between the teachers and the government may cause disruptions in planning at the school level. These situations can change quickly and can affect things such as field trips and school closures.

For changes around school-wide events or school closures, please check the school and/or district websites. If events are canceled or moved it will be posted on those sites. If it is a parent planned event at school, such as the PAC Fun Fair, it will be still going ahead. If it is a class field trip, please contact your child's teacher. Thanks for your patience.

Please note that the next **planned school closure due to the provincial rotating teacher strike is Thursday, June 5**. Parents should plan on making alternate arrangements for their children on this day as the school will be closed and buses will not be running.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that the school calendar is also posted on the Dufferin Website (<http://dufferin.sd73.bc.ca>). The website calendar is updated on a regular basis.



June 2	PAC Meeting
June 5	School Closure – Labour Dispute

June 6	Aboriginal Day
June 6	Fun Fair Raffle Tickets Due!
June 9-10	Eureka Science
June 11	PAC Fun Fair
June 12	Kindergarten Orientation
June 15	Father's Day
June 20	School Play (Ms. Dalsin's Class)
June 23	Fun Day!
June 25	Recognition Assembly
June 26	Year End Assembly
June 26	Early Dismissal / Last Day!

FINAL ASSEMBLIES

Recognition Assembly – Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:00am

This assembly will be held to recognize student accomplishments such as: Student Leaders, Young Authors, Young Artists, Jump Rope, District Track and Field, etc.

Year End Assembly – Thursday, June 26 @ 10:15am

This assembly will include the Grade 7 School Leaving as well as our academic achievement awards plus thanks and goodbyes.

AFTER SCHOOL

Please be aware that students who do not take a bus and walk home – should be going directly home after school. The school is not set up to provide child care or supervision after school for students who are not waiting for a bus. After school, unless there is an extracurricular activity they are participating in, or they are waiting for a bus, children need to make their way home in a timely manner. If you have children that walk home, please talk to them about this. Thank you for your support.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please take some time this week and go through the items. We will keep it out until the end of the month and then look at donating the rest. You should consider labeling any items sent to school to avoid them getting lost.



PARKING!

For safety and access, there should be NO STOPPING or use of our round-about area while buses are active for any reason. A BIG thank you to everyone who is honouring our parking signs and not stopping in the bus drop off area.

Please respect our bus round-about. This is between 7:40am and 8:15am and between 2:15pm and 3:40pm. Please use the designated public parking areas for pick up and drop off.

We thank you a head of time for modeling respect and for our school and helping to keep our students safe.

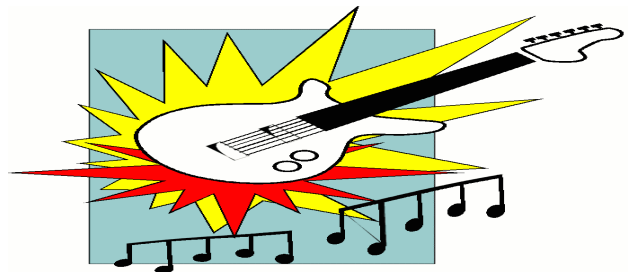
PERSONAL ITEMS

With better outside weather, students have been bringing a number of personal items to school to use during breaks. Although we like to encourage students to keep busy, we also would like to remind parents that the school is not responsible for any personal items brought to school by students. This includes items such as Pokeman or other trading cards. The school can not provide a secure environment for these items.

If you or your child chooses to bring these items to school it is at your own risk. If they do, they are to be used appropriately. Trading, buying and selling personal items are not allowed during school time.

DUFFERIN ROCKS!

At Dufferin Elementary we follow our ROCKS matrix. ROCKS stands for:



Respectful
On time and prepared
Careful
Kind
Self-disciplined

This month we will be continuing to work on
Outside Behaviour!

- Stay within playground boundaries
- Use equipment safely and follow game rules
- Keep hands, feet and objects to self
- Settle problems using T.I.L.T.
- Return borrowed equipment

T = Talk to the person

I = Ignore

L = Leave

T = Tell an adult

If you could review these expectations with your children at home it would help us maintain a positive school culture at Dufferin.